

Dual silvers close Commonwealths for England

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England's players won three more medals on the final day of action at the Commonwealth Championships with the overall haul rising to five (three silver, two bronze) from New Delhi, India.

Although the players missed out on the gold medals they so desperately craved, there was plenty of optimism following another two final appearances on Friday.

In the Men's Doubles Sam Walker and Chris Doran shocked the host nation's top seeds Sharath Kamal Achanta and Subhajit Saha in an absorbing five-game encounter to make a surprise final.

The respective world no. 502 and 506 then met the world no. 26 and 108 in the last stage, however, they couldn't quite match their prestigious opponents as they had to settle for a silver medal.

The story was a similar one in the Women's Doubles where Joanna Parker and Kelly Sibley defeated Indian hopes Madhurika Patkar and Neha Aggarwal before falling to Singaporean adversaries in the final hurdle.

After winning a tight semi-final, the English duo met Feng Tianwei (4) and Yu Mengyu (27) in what looked a difficult tie, which proved the case.

Although the English girls managed to win the opening game, they were finally overpowered by their Asian opponents as they had to settle for a silver medal.

Men's Doubles

Semi-final

Sam Walker/Chris Doran bt Sharath Kamal Achanta/Subhajit Saha (IND) 3-2 (4-11, 11-8, 6-11, 12-10, 11-7)

Zhan Jian/Yang Zi (SIN) bt Andrew Baggaley/Daniel Reed 3-0 (11-5, 11-3, 11-4)

Final

Zhan Jian/Yang Zi (SIN) bt Sam Walker/Chris Doran 3-1 (13-11, 11-4, 9-11, 11-3)

Women's Doubles

Semi-final

Joanna Parker/Kelly Sibley bt Madhurika Patkar/Neha Aggarwal (IND) 3-1 (11-8, 9-11, 11-7, 11-9)

Final

Feng Tianwei/Yu Mengyu (SIN) bt Joanna Parker/Kelly Sibley 3-1 (9-11, 11-7, 11-2, 11-3)

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